

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Chapter Sixteen.

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May it be stated, that if we Children of Israel want wisdom, then we no choice but to walk in the guidance of HaShem's Right Hand. We do have the choice of rejecting wisdom, but if we truly want the Wisdom that gives life and abundance thereof, we must turn our ears to the voice of HaShem.

9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: 9:2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

9:3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, 9:4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, 9:5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

9:6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

9:7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

9:11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. Proverbs 9:1-11 [JPS]

HaShem is beseeching us to seek this Wisdom, so as His Set Apart people we can eventually be the people He has called and chosen us to be. Unfortunately, we have yet to arrive at our destination. Could this be that we are no longer in awe of HaShem and thus fail to walk in His guiding footprints? Is it because we no longer fear or revere the Holy One of Israel that we prefer to live our lives according to our own foolish wisdom? Is it because we are ignorant of His laws and precepts that we walk our own paths of wisdom? It is probably a mix of all, but this does not change the fact that we are currently engaging in the wisdom of the world over and above the wisdom of HaShem and HaMoshiach Yeshua.

The Apostle Paul was faced with this issue many times and had to address it in various congregations. He constantly tried to bring the people of the assemblies back to the guiding hand of HaShem, through application of Torah.

2 I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those in Laodicea, as well as for those who have still not seen me face to face. ² My purpose is that their hearts, joined together in love, may be encouraged. May they have all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, leading to a true knowledge of the mystery of God—that is, Messiah. ³ In Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden. ⁴ I am telling you this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive-sounding arguments.

⁵ For even though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit—rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your trust in Messiah.

⁶ Therefore as you received Messiah Yeshua as Lord, so continue to walk in Him— ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in your faith just as you were taught, overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men and the basic principles of the world rather than Messiah. Colossians 2:1-8

[TLV]

Paul states in plain language, with conviction, that it is in Moshiach Yeshua that we find the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Please notice the word **“hidden”** as it is vital that we understand the importance of bringing it to our attention. All the translations that I looked up had the word hidden or hid in them, so we should take note. Paul could have easily written, “In Him

are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” and left out the word “hidden”. Is it possible Paul used this word in an attempt to encourage us to dig into the Word of HaShem just as we would if looking for a treasure? There was a battle taking place here between the wisdom practiced by those of the world, and the wisdom that comes through HaMoshiach Yeshua. Allow me to interject at this point with some words spoken by the Master Himself.

“Yeshua said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty” John 6:35 [TLV].

When reading this I am transported to the words we quoted earlier in Proverbs, *“Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.”* There is a biblical pattern and link between the use of bread, wine, Torah, Yeshua, wisdom, knowledge, and a healthy productive life. I encourage readers to find these patterns and links.

We should note with confidence that HaShem has a written guarantee, that if we follow His guidelines for living, then we will indeed have the wisdom and knowledge needed to have healthy productive lives. We should also note with confidence that HaShem has a written guarantee that if we fail to employ His guidelines for our lives, then we can expect to have fractured, confused, unhealthy lives infected by the pseudo wisdom of mankind.

Returning for a moment to Paul’s letter to the Colossians we find that he is “pleading” with the people to know HaMoshiach Yeshua in all His fullness. He makes this point as a way of protecting the people from falling for the “wisdom and knowledge” of those who oppose HaShem and His complete Torah. Unless you have a good understanding of Torah and embrace the beauty thereof, you will never fully know HaMoshiach Yeshua. Unless you have a good understanding of Torah, hence Yeshua, then you will indeed fall for the empty, seductive philosophies of human “wisdom” that have their foundation in the elemental powers of the world and NOT according to the wisdom and knowledge of HaMoshiach Yeshua. We finish on the following statement of Paul.

“³¹ Do we then nullify the Torah through faithfulness? May it never be! On the contrary, we uphold the Torah.” Romans 3:31 [TLV]

May the grace, love, and wisdom of HaShem and Yeshua HaMoshiach be with you!